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H.E.L.A. **(195 5) Department.**

Ms. **SERIES.**

G.O. No. 1640 Health

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Dated 7-5-55

[Despatch Abstract.]

L.A.Q. - Rural Medical Relief - South Kanara District - Rural Dispensary, Nileshwar - Papers recorded.

LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY) SECRETARIAT.

30-10-54

STARRED.

SRI M.NARAYANANKKKK NAMBIAR, M.L.A.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

*Q.NO:1095.

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(b) when it was closed and why?

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Endtm: 11305-6 H IV/52-1 Health d. 16-11-54 communicated to the DMS; he is requested to furnish the information required for answering the question and possible supplementaries

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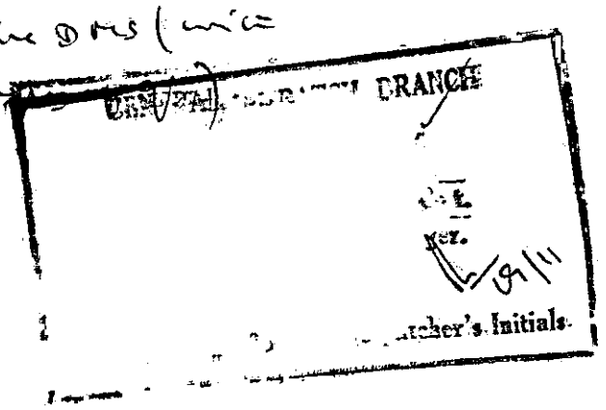
The DMS (with



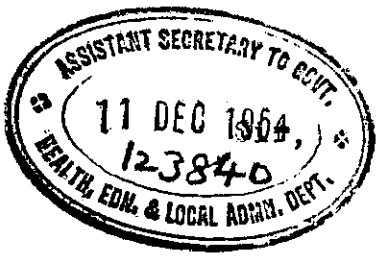
Medical Department

From

Lt.Col.Sangham Lal, MBBS., FRCS., DOMS.,
Director of Medical Services, Madras-6.

To

The Secretary to Government, Health, Education and
Local Administration Department, Madras-9.



Ref.No.99953 M-54, dated 10th December 1954.

Sub: Legislative (Assembly) Secretariat Starred Question No.1095 dated 30-10-1954.
Ref: Government endorsement No.113056 H.IV/54-1 Health dated 16th November, 1954.

I forward herewith a copy of letter C.No.14963-54 dated 6-12-1954 from the District Medical Officer, South Kanara containing information for answering the legislature question No.1095 cited. The local Hospital Committee made some allegations against Dr.B.Lingappa, Rural Medical Practitioner, Rural Dispensary, Nileshwar, about provision of a building to house the dispensary.

The Rural Medical Practitioner made some counter allegations against the Hospital Committee. Finally, the Rural Medical Practitioner is reported to have resigned and the District Medical Officer has recommended that the matter may be dropped.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Medical Services

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Copy of letter C.No.14963/54 dated 6-12-1954 from the District Medical Officer, South Kanara to the Director of Medical Services Madras-6.

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Ref: Your letter Ref.No.94801/54-1 M dated 30-11-1954.

(a) The rural dispensary at Nileshwar in South Kanara district was opened on 5-6-1954.

(b) It was closed on 1-8-1954.

A 1 The Medical Officer was not provided with any building to run the dispensary and also necessary drugs were not supplied.

SUPPLEMENTARIES:

The building which was shown to me at the time of my inspection of the site was not suitable for housing the dispensary. Two other houses were shown to me which I approved to house the dispensary as a temporary measure till permanent building was constructed. So far no action seems to have been taken by the hospital committee.

(True copy)

for Director of Medical Services

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Memo no. 113056 HV/54 J HELA(HD)
dated 6/1/55

L.A Qn. no. 1095 - Rural
Medical Relief - South
Travancore - Opening of Rural
Dispensary at Nileshwar

Ref. to our D.O. No. 99953-H/54
dt. 20-12-54

The D.M.S. is requested to send a detailed report indicating the circumstances under which a rural dispensary at Nileshwar was opened in June 1954 and closed in less than two months. He is requested to furnish (the following) information on the following points:-

(1) Whether the Hospital committee, Nileshwar made any offer to build or convert a building for housing the dispensary;

(2) What are the allegations made by the committee against the rural medical practitioner;

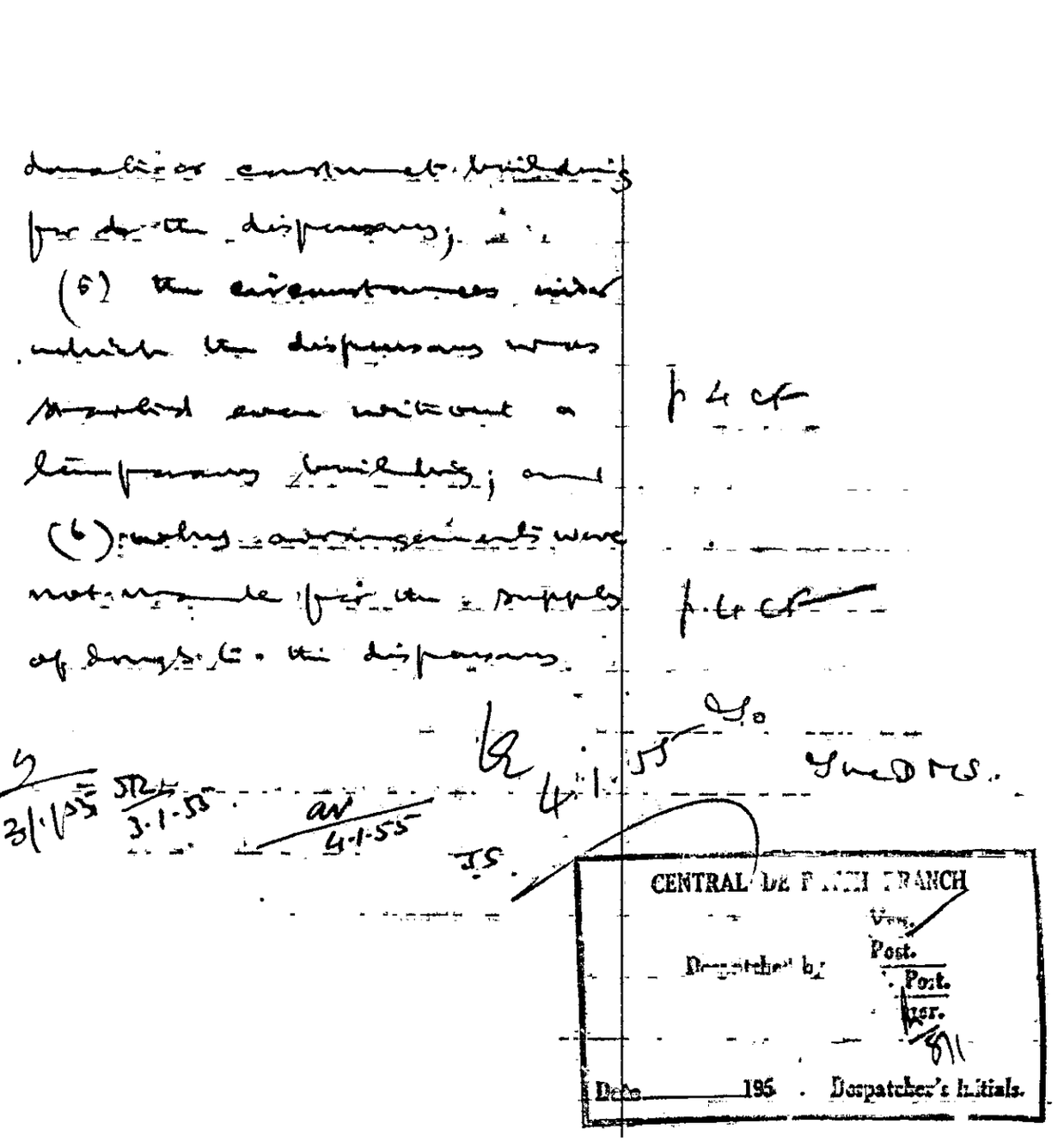
(3) What are the counter allegations made by the practitioner against the committee;

(4) What became of the offer of the committee to

dwelling or communal buildings
for the dispensary; and

(c) the circumstances under which the dispensary was started even without a temporary building; and

(d) making arrangements were made for the supply of drugs to the dispensary.



MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

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From

Lt. Col. Sangham Lal., MBBS.,FRCS., DOMS.,(Lond.).,
Director of Medical Services, Madras-6.

To

The Secretary to Government, Health, Education and
Local Administration Department, Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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R.No.99953-M/54, dated 18 February 1955.

Sir,

Sub: Legislative Assembly Question No.1095- Rural Medical Relief - South Kanara District - Rural Dispensary, Nileshwar -

Ref: Government Memorandum No.113056-H.IV/54-3, Health, dated 6-1-1955.

The Rural Dispensary, Nileshwar had to be closed as the Rural Medical Practitioner resigned his appointment.

The other particulars called for in the Government Memorandum cited are furnished below:-

(1) A copy of letter No.15459/54, dated 21-1-1955 from the District Medical Officer, South Kanara is enclosed herewith for the information of the Government.

(2) & (3) A copy of letter dated 22-7-1954 from Dr.B.Lingappa Rural Medical Practioner is enclosed.

(4) The Committee has now asked for a type design for the construction of a building.

(5) A temporary building was provided by the Committee which was not suitable and hence the Doctor had made his own arrangements in his own house to treat the patients.

(6) By the time the arrangements were made to get the medicines purchased locally, the Rural Medical Practitioner resigned.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Medical Services.

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Copy of letter C.No.15459/54, dated 21-1-1955, from the District Medical Officer, Mangalore, addressed to the Director of Medical Services, Madras-6.

Sub: Legislative (Assembly) Secretariat Starred question No.1095, dated 30-10-1954.
Ref: Your Ref.No.99953.M-54, dated 10th December 1954, addressed to the Secretary to Government, Health, Education and Local Administration Department, Madras, copy sent to this office.

I have to inform you that Rural Dispensary at Nileshwar is a non-subsidised one.

The Hospital Committee was formed on 27-6-1951 and they had collected so far a sum of Rs.17,302-6-3, out of which Rs.5,000/- has been deposited with the District Board on 4-12-1951 towards contingent expenditure. It was reported that a sum of Rs.331-1-0 has been spent towards levelling the hospital ~~xix~~ site to be constructed. There is a net balance of Rs.11,969-5-3 with the Committee.

There is no refernce from the then Surgeon-General's office to constitute a committee (A private committee was formed by the residents).

/true copy/

for Director of Medical Services.

No.41,(Very urgent)

Copy of letter/dated 22-7-1954, from Dr. B. Lingappa, L.M.P., Regd. Medical Practitoner of Madras and Mysore , R.M.P., Rural Dispensary, Nileshwar, South Kanara District, addressed to the Special Officer and Collector, South Kanara District Board, Mangalore.

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Reference: Your office C.No.15510/52-A4, dated 21-6-54, and in continuation of this office Nos.2 dated 5-6-1954 and 12-and 14 dated 9-6-1954 and 40 dated 14-7-1954.

The allegations against me, noted in the Nileshwer Hospital Committee Secretary's letter dated 16-6-1954, addressed to you are untrue.

Up to date, the Secretary, Nileshwer Hospital Committee has not given me officially any suitable rent free building at Nileshwer to run the Rural Dispensary; and he has not even replied to my letters addressed to him, with this office Nos.5 dated 5-6-1954 and Nos.33 dated 6-7-1954.

The real facts are these: On 26-5-1954, I had contacted some of the Nileshwer Hospital Committee Members, and the incharge Secretary Sri K.V. Kunjambu at Nileshwer, for taking charge of the rent free building which was not given to me; but I was taken to the ~~Rajaka Kanni~~ Raja's Hostel, and two locked vacant rooms were shown to me for my opinion. I said that they were very convenient to run the Rural Dispensary temporarily for some time. There upon the Secretary said that the rooms will be ready, and he wanted the Dispensary to function from 5-6-1954; and he wrote a letter also to you, stating that the building is ready, and the Secretary wanted the dispensary to function from 5-6-1954. On 5-6-1954 when I wanted the keys of those rooms, the in-charge Secretary was absent from the headquarters, and the Secretary Sri. C. Karunakara Nambiar B.A.L.T., expressed his ignorance of the above rooms kept ready for the Rural dispensary. Finding no other suitable building the Secretary Sri Karunakara Nambiar, B.A.L.T. along with Sri C.S. Rao (who is said to be one of the joint Secretaries) attended the opening function of the South Kanara District Board Rural Dispensary, along with some of the public, in my residence which I had ~~fixed~~ up for rent on ~~26-5-~~ 26-5-1954.

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After some time, three other buildings were shown to me, out of which one was fit for running the dispensary, and the other was fit after some repairs, and the third which is said to have been approved by the District Health Officer as per the Hospital Committee Secretaries letter dated 16-6-1954 addressed to you. These shop rooms (only two) are unfit even to be a godown. The D.H.O. and the Personal Assistant, might have approved, when the whole building was shown to them, and when there were no rains. It is a surprise for me to note, how the D.H.O. has approved these unfit shop rooms for running the dispensary!

If the D.H.O. has approved these shop rooms, please send me a copy of his approval letter addressed to you, and also to the Secretary Hospital Committee Nileshwar, noting exactly the situation, the door No. of the house, and the dimensions of the rooms, and the convenience of the Kitchen and latrine and well.

If the Hospital Committee Secretary has had arranged these shop rooms for running the Rural Dispensary, why I was shown the Raja's Hostel rooms on 26-5-1954; and why did not the Secretary, officially handed over the charge of the so called, kept ready rooms to me on 5-6-1954 ? and why Sri K.M. Babu Shetty, was not invited to perform the formal opening ceremony of the Rural Dispensary on 5-6-1954; as per the Joint Secretary's letter to you dated 26-5-1954, stating that the building is ready,

and the dispensary has to function from 5-6-1954? The Committee had enough time from 26-5-1954 to 5-6-1954 to do so. If I had refused to accept these rooms, why did not the Secretary make a report to you and the D.M.O. on 5-6-1954 itself with my official reference?

In the interest of the dispensary and the sick please issue urgent instructions, to the District Health Officer, South Kanara District, Mangalore, to inspect in detail the so called kept ready building for running the Rural Dispensary and kept at my disposal for running the Rural Dispensary by the Nileshwer Hospital Committee, within a week and give his opinion regarding the fitness or unfitness of these shop rooms for the Dispensary's use, and kindly send my a copy of the D.H.O.'s approval letter after his inspection.

The Nileshwer Hospital Committee Secretary may be requested by you to kindly to send me the true copies of the following:

(1) The D.H.O.'s approval letter, as stated in the Secretary's letter to you of 16-6-1954.

(2) The Registered rent agreement true copy between the Hospital Committee and the owner of the building, noting in detail the condition of the building, the conveniences of the kitchen and latrine, with exact dimensions and condition of the rooms available for running the Rural Dispensary.

(3) A true copy of the letter addressed to you by the Secretary either on 5-6-1954 (the opening date of this dispensary) or earlier stating that they have fixed up this building or that building, for running the Rural Dispensary.

(4) The true copies of the requisitions to me up-to-date from the Secretary, Nileshwar Hospital Committee with their official Nos. and date and my acknowledgements for the same.

There is no meaning in showing me a member of vacant buildings, and telling me to occupy the same without the Committee's Official requisition, through you, and with all the above necessaries, and copies of the agreements (Registered House rent agreement) and handing over the charge of the building with lock and key to me, with the Committee's official requisition.

In the presence of the Secretary Sri C. Karunakara Nambiar, B.A.L.T., and the Joint Secretary, Mr. C.S. Rao, and some of the public of Nileshwer, the South Kanara District Board Rural Dispensary was opened on 5-6-1954 forenoon, in my residential quarters, as the Committee did not provide a rent free building; and this dispensary is functioning from 5-6-1954 forenoon. There is no meaning in the Committee's advertisement, stating the formal opening ceremony is performed by the Block Development Officer, Sri K.M. Babu Shetty, on 9-6-1954. There is a public talk, that this advertisement was done in the private interest of the Hospital Committee, which has been masked under the cloak of Registered Nileshwer Hospital Committee, authorised by the Government to collect subscriptions. The important Kalasam jatra was going on then, wherein a number of persons had gathered from various parts of South Kanara and Malabar. Just to misguide them and to collect the subscriptions, from them this advertisement was done, and this is the public talk here; and I am lead to believe the same. If the Nileshwer Hospital Committee had real interest in the Rural Dispensary, Sri K.M. Babu Shetty ought to have been invited on 5-6-1954 itself.

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On 9-6-1954 at 10-30 A.M. Sri K.M. Babu Shetty the Block Development Officer, Sullia, visited the Rural Dispensary at Nileshwer - vide true extract from the Visitors' book of this Dispensary submitted to your office, with this office No.14, dated 9-6-1954. After his entries in the Visitors' Book of this Dispensary, he personally invited me to attend a tea party at Nileshwar, which is being held in honor of his departure for higher studies. I requested him to wait till I funish treating my patients. He waited till 11-10 A.M. and then he took me to some shop rooms wherein the tea party was held, and some of the public had gathered. We were servied with coffee, tea and Uddina vadai ( ) In the course of the Tea consumption Sri K.M. Babu Shetty was talking of linguistic divisions of the villages of Nileshwer Hobly, and the occupations of certain portions of Bombay city, by particular language talking people such as Kanarese, Tulu, Konkani, etc., and at the end he asked my opinion, regarding the fitness of these halls, for running the Rural Dispensary. I told him that these halls are more unsuitable, among the four buildings shown to me by the Committee; and I am waiting for the written refer nce, from the Secretary, regarding the particular building they are going to give for the Dispensary. Up-to-date no reference has been received from the Nileshwer Hospital Committee Secretary, either directly or through you regarding this.

The resubmission of the indent for the immediate purchase of medicines by the District, is pending for want of supply of proper furniture to the Rural Dispensary and the rent free building by the Hospital Committee, Nileshwer, which has not been done up-to-date inspite of my references to the Committee's Secretary.

In conclusion, I am very sorry to observe that the Nileshwer Hospital Committee is not in favour of this Rural Dispensary; and they are not Hospital minded, as shown by their above behaviour. On the other hand, the committee is interfering with the smooth running of the dispensary, and has caused confusion in the minds of public as revelaed by their own written references to you.

Further, I observe that the committee does not contain any international famed building experts, and it is a surprise for me to note why the Madras Government has permitted this committee to construct a dispensary (L.F.) and to collect public subscriptions in these hard days where as the Government has highly qualified Engineers and has built a number of hospitals and dispensaries at the cost of the Government.

This committee has written to you, of a centrally situated place at Nileshwer for running the dispensary, but they have selected and spent some money collected from the public, in a site which is unfit for a Local Fund Dispenary or Hospital, as it is situated in a remote corner.

In the interest of the public purse, and patients I suggest the Government to take up the construction of this Dispensary building in a road side and centrally situated place between Nileshwar one and two, and dissolve this Nileshwar Hospital Committee.

/True copy/

for Director of Medical Services.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

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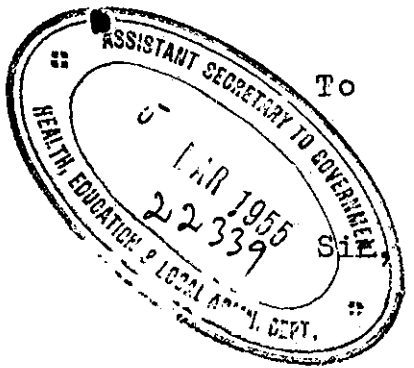

Sir,

In.R. No. 99953-M/54 dated 3/3/55.

Sub: Rural Medical Relief - South Kanar District - Rural Dispensary - Nileshwar.
Ref: This Office letter No. 99953-M/54 dated 17/2/55.

In continuation of my letter cited, I forward herewith for information of the Government a copy of letter No. 2633/55 dated 28/2/55 from the District Medical Officer, South Kanara.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Medical Services.

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Copy of letter C. No. 2633/55, dated 28/2/55.from the District Medical Officer, South Kanara to the Director of Medical Services, Madras 6.

I have to inform you that the Rural Dispensary at Nileshwar has been re-opened on the fore-noon of 24/2/55.

/True copy/

For Director of Medical Services.

H.E.L.A.(H.I) Dept.

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LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY) SECRETARIAT.
30-10-54.

STARRED.

SRI M.NARAYANAN NAMBIAR, M.L.A.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

*Q.No.1095:

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(b) when it was closed and why?

ANSWER

(a) 5th June, 1954.

(b) 1st August, 1954; the rural medical practitioner resigned. The dispensary is functioning again from 24-2-1955.

To
The Legislature(Assembly) Sectt. (5 copies)
The Public (Elections) Deptt. (2 copies)

(3 copies with copy of note for supplementaries).

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H.E.L.A.(H.I) DEPT.

NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES.

Local bodies can open and close non-subsidised rural dispensaries without the sanction of the Govt. The South Kanara Dt. had sanctioned the opening of a rural dispensary of modern medicine at Nileshwar and had posted one Dr. B. Lingappa, L.M.P. to be in charge of that dispensary. The Board had apparently made no satisfactory arrangements for the housing of the dispensary and for the supply of medicines to the dispensary. The dispensary functioned for a time in the house of the practitioner and when the practitioner resigned it ceased to function. The D.M.S. has now reported that the dispensary is functioning again from 24-2-1955.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

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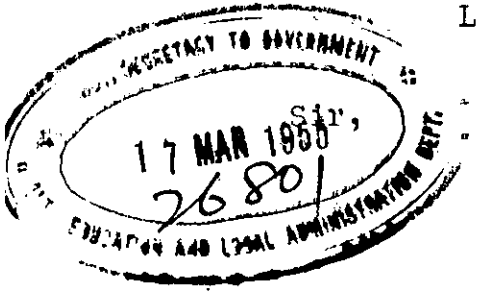

In. R. No.99953-M/54 dated 14/3/55.

Sir,

Sub: Legislative Assembly question No. 1095 - Rural Medical Relief - South Kanara--Rural Dispensary, Nileshwar.
Ref: This office R. No. 99953-M/54 dated 17/2/55.

In continuation to this office letter cited, I forward herewith for the information of Government a copy of letter No. Nil dated 16/6/54 from the Secretary, Hospital Committee, Nileshwar addressed to the Special Officer, South Kanara District Board on the above subject, since obtained from the District Medical Officer, South Kanara.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Medical Services.

RRK. 14/2.

Copy of letter dated 16/6/54 of the Secretary, Hospital Committee Nileshwar.

Sub: Medical Relief - Rural Dispensary, at Nileshwar Rent free buildings.
Ref: C. No. A4=1551/52 dated 10/6/54.

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As promised in our letter dated 22/10/53 a rent free building was placed at the disposal of the Rural Medical Practitioner to house the new dispensary. The building has been personally visited and approved by the Dt. Health Officer, P.A. to the Special Officer, Dt. Board and the Block Development Officer. The Rural Medical Practitioner has also approved the building and the formal opening ceremony in the said building was fixed on 9/6/54, the Block Development Officer having consented to open the dispensary. Printed notice regarding the opening ceremony is enclosed herein. Though the public, the Committee meners and the Block Development Officer were present on the said date in the above mentined building the Doctor came and expressed his unwillingness to shift the dispensary from his residence to this building on the pretext that it was found unsuitable. It may be pointed out that the proposed building is situated centrally on the main road side and it is the most suitable building available. Moreover it had been previously used as a dispensary for a long time by a private M.B.B.S. Doctor of the locality till he shifted it to his permanent building.

As the said building had been widely advertised for the rural dispensary the Committee's position has become rather embarassing and delicate and so it is requested that the R.M.P. may be directed to shift the dispensary to the above said building at an early date.

U.O.L.A(4W)

Please add this to the main question file now with P(4). This report does not call for any change in the answer already approved.

5/23/7/55 - SR 22.7.55 AV 23355

/True Copy/

K. Veeraraghavan
Asst.

For. Director of Medical Services,
Madras.

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* 1555 Q.- (answered).

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THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: (a) 5th June, 1954.

(b) 1st August, 1954; the rural medical practitioner resigned. The dispensary is functioning again from 24-2-1955.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Sir, may I know why there was such a long delay to post another doctor in the vacancy caused by the resignation of the first doctor?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: The question must be addressed to the concerned District Board, Sir. No satisfactory arrangements were made for housing the dispensary. The previous doctor resigned. The dispensary was located in his own house and had to be closed.

SRI T.C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Sir, why was this dispensary opened in June 1954 and closed in August 1954 and what were the reasons? Was any arrangement made thereafter for giving medical relief to the people of the area concerned?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: Sir, I have already answered that. It is the responsibility of the Local Board to open such dispensaries. No house was provided, no medicines were supplied and when the practitioner resigned, it had to be closed down.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
GOVERNMENT ESTATE, MOUNT ROAD,
Madras, dated the 5-11- *195* 4.

HEALTH EDN. 113056

QUESTION No. 1095 for the next meeting of the Legislative Assembly ~~to be held on the~~ ~~195~~

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the H, E and L. A Department.

The question has been admitted.

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To

The H, E & L. A Department.

U.O. note no. 94457/54-38 HL.

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H & LA (H IV)

Endt no. 113056 H IV/54-1 dated 16-11-54

from the D.P.S.I. 99953-M/54 dated 10-12-54

Memo no. 113056 H IV/54-3 dated 6-1-55

from the DPH, no. 99953-M/54 dated 18-2-55

~~H IV~~ from the DPH no. 99953-M/54 dated 3-3-55

A draft answer and a draft note for supplementaries are submitted for approval. May be circulated to the M(H).

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~~A Reddy~~ 12/3

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 MAR 1955
HEALTH, EDN. & LOCAL BOARDS DEPTT.

Answered by M(H) on 23.3.55

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Please see the proceedings at page 8. No action is called for. The papers may be recorded.

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Order 1640 Heard

Dated 7/5/85

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